

# The Church is Caring for Your Needs! UCC Grant Assistance

Through the generosity of individuals and congregations to the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund, and Our Church's Wider Mission, a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ, active and retired clergy, lay employees, and their spouses/partners can receive additional financial support in their time of need.

Each year, assistance is awarded to eligible UCC members in the form of pension supplementation, health supplementation, and emergency grants, which has brought much-needed financial relief for the servants of our church.

### **Ministerial Assistance Grants**

### **Pension Supplementation**

UCC retirees who qualify receive monthly pension supplementation payments to bring their total household income up to a minimum level established each year. Assistance is also available for eligible persons whose retirement or disability income is insufficient to meet basic living expenses.

## **Health Benefits Supplementation**

Health Benefits Supplementation helps qualified, lower-income retired authorized UCC ministers, lay church employees, and their surviving spouses/partners pay their UCC Medicare Advantage Plan with Rx premiums.

### **Emergency Grants**

We know that sometimes those who serve the Church encounter urgent situations that require more financial resources than they have available. Emergency Grants help meet eligible needs during life's most unexpected events.

# Ministerial Assistance Grants Eligibility Criteria



### **Pension Supplementation**

- You must be at least 65 years of age and fully or partially retired
- Authorized Ministers with current UCC Standing
- Lay Employees of a UCC congregation, Association, Conference, or National Setting with a minimum of 10 years of service
- Surviving spouses/partners of the above



## **Health Benefits Supplementation**

The same eligibility criteria above (see Pension Supplementation) applies to those interested in Health Supplementation, except the applicant must be participating in the Pension Boards' UCC Medicare Advantage Plan with Rx.



# **Emergency Grants**

- Authorized Ministers with current UCC Standing
- Lay Employees of a UCC congregation, Association, Conference, or National Setting, with a minimum of 10 years of service
- Surviving spouses/partners of the above
- · Members in Discernment for at least a year

To apply for an Emergency Grant, please contact us at ministerialssistance@pbucc.org or visit Ministerial Assistance at www.pbucc.org for instructions on how to apply online.



